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Sunday School Institute

William E. Hawkins, field worker of the Texas Sunday School Association, will be here on Monday and Tuesday, January 1st and 2nd, and conduct a two days Sunday School Institute, beginning at 7:00 p.m. Monday. On Tuesday there will be three sessions: 10:00 a.m., 2:00 and 7:00 p.m.

All Sunday School workers and those interested in the advancement of our Sunday Schools should attend the sessions of the institute.

Another Fire

About 2 o'clock Sunday morning Roy Thomas was awakened by smoke in his room and discovered that the house was on fire. He made a grab for what things he could carry and succeeded in getting some quilts, a light mattress, his clothing, which was on the bed he was occupying, and a few small articles. The rest of household goods were destroyed, but were partly covered by insurance.

The building belonged to Fox Stripling and was partly insured. Mr. Thomas went home about 1 o'clock, built a fire and, after taking a bath, went to bed, and the fire is supposed to have caught from the stove.

Texas in the Limelight

Mr. H. J. Pettengill of Dallas, member of the Executive Committee of the Commercial Secretaries' & Business Men's Association of Texas, spoke at the Third Annual Dinner of the Railway Business Men's Association in New York on November 22nd on the work of the staff association and his address was the feature of the meeting. The name of the Commercial Secretaries has extended throughout the length and breadth of the land and citizens of other states are inquiring into its work.

Sunday morning the Christian Sunday School presented to Sept. G. R. Elkins a handsome signet ring as an appreciation of his services. On the outside of the ring the initials of Mr. Elkins were engraved and on the inside the words, "Christian Sunday School, 1911." Rev. E. S. Beddoe, in behalf of the school, made the presentation in a few appropriate remarks. Mr. Elkins expressed his thanks to the school in his usual pleasant manner, saying he appreciated the gift more for the cause in which it was given than for its intrinsic value.

Bonds Sold

At a special meeting of the county commissioners held Friday, the final sale of the \$100,000 worth of bonds for road building, was consummated, and the money is to be paid into the county treasury about the first of next year.

The commissioners went to Abilene the first of the week to inspect the roads that have been built in Taylor county recently, in order to get the best ideas on good road making, they can obtain.

Beneficial Periodical.

The Confederate Veteran, of Nashville, Tenn., is of interest to every southerner, and requests notice in every southern newspaper.

It disseminates information about soldiers of the war, on both sides; it has long represented officially every general Confederate organization, and is enthusiastically supported by the men and women who are familiar with it.

While ardently loyal, as its name indicates, it is so dignified in tone and so patriotic, that it maintains not only the respect but the good will of "the other side."

The Veteran is doing an important work in helping to establish records for dependent men who wore the gray and the widows of such who seek pensions.

Besides, it secures inter-communication between friends of the long ago, whose inquiries are printed gratuitously.

The Veteran is printed on fine paper and is illustrated with high class engravings. It is one of the most creditable magazines in the country (price, \$1.00 per year), and the editor prides himself in the assertion that in the distribution of over millions of copies he has not heard of fourteen complaints.

Mrs. Iva Christian was married at Dallas on the 28th to Frederick C. Sintzel. They will be at home after January 1st at 202

as Ontario street, Chicago, Ill.

Mrs. Christian is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Christian of this county, and has many friends here who extend hearty congratulations and best wishes for her future happiness.

Travel has been so heavy the past two weeks that the Texas and Pacific railroad was compelled to run an extra passenger train. A large per cent of the travel is immigrants and home-seekers coming to Texas.

W. V. George sends The Enterprise one year to his brother,

M. Y. George, Spokane, Wash-

ington.

TEXAS NEEDS GREAT MEN

XX. IMPOSTERS

A KING OF DENMARK was murdered by one of his subjects pouring poison in his ear and then seizing the throne. This method of acquiring power is frequently resorted to by modern politicians who are able to succeed only by pouring poison in the ears of the people and seizing authority. No government can long survive incompetent and inexperienced management. We must place in position of power men whose hands have held the plow and the hammer, whose hearts have felt the glow of industry and whose vision can sweep the horizon of twentieth century civilization.



POISONING A KING

Let those who would travel the golden roadway to take first issue to the sublime peaks of human rights, soar in the lofty atmosphere of progress, scatter germs of civilization and conquer the world forces of progress. Texas needs great men.

Ranch For Sale

21-section ranch, plenty of water and lots of good grass. By paying one section purchaser can control 20 sections at a very low rate of lease. For particulars see W. V. Ervin.

H. J. Larkin of Stanton was here Wednesday.

Reagan's store should be the one you should patronize the coming year.

Mrs. J. W. Carpenter held the number that drew the \$50 diamond ring which was given away by B. Reagan on the 23rd.

J. J. Hiddleston left Wednesday night for his home at Great Bend, Kansas. Mrs. Hiddleston will remain here some with her sister, Mrs. I. H. Park.

M. Y. George, wife and daughter of Spokane, Washington, who were here on a visit to his brother, W. V. George and family, will leave in the morning for Roscoe to visit another brother.

Lieut. Geo. A. Sanford, son of Rev. D. A. Sanford, arrived here last Saturday from Marietta, New York. He will remain here for a few weeks before going to Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, where he will be stationed for a short time.

For Sale

8 acres of first-class land in Cole & Strayhorn Addition, in the proven water belt. Inquire at this office.

A Happy Occasion

M. Y. George of Spokane, Wash., J. P. George and wife of Stanton and Mrs. E. L. Condor of Hubbard City spent Christmas here with their brother, W. V. George. It was more of the nature of a family reunion than a mere holiday gathering, as it was the first time in nearly forty-two years that the three brothers and sisters have all been together.

It was a very happy occasion indeed. One brother who lives at Roscoe could not be here on account of sickness in his family.

Banton Birdwell arrived Sunday from Dallas to spend the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Birdwell.

R. D. Matthews, who suffered an attack of typhoid fever about five weeks ago, was able to come downtown Wednesday afternoon.

Miss Rachel Williams, who is attending school at Stamford, is at home to spend the holidays with her father, J. D. Williamson.

Harvey Williamson, who is attending school at Dallas, is here to spend the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Williamson.

When your feet are wet and cold, and your body chilled through and through from exposure, take a big dose of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, bathe your feet in hot water before going to bed, and you are almost certain to ward off a severe cold.

For sale by all dealers.

I Wish All a Happy and Prosperous New Year

And that you will visit me when in need of drugs

Yours to Please,

B. REAGAN

217 East Main Street. Phone 1

Texas Industrial Notes

Plans are being arranged in Brownwood to establish a peanut factory there.

The citizens of Carizzo Springs have recently organized a city beautiful club.

Texas has 165,747,000 acres of surface land, of which about 30,000,000 are under cultivation.

During the past year approximately 90,000 homeseekers and alien immigrants have entered Texas.

It is rumored that Dallas will organize a trust company with \$3,000,000 capital under the laws of Arizona.

The sum of \$5,000 is the consideration for the transfer of 2,900 head of steers in San Angelo this week.

Arrangements have been made in Galveston for the shipment of a cargo of 10,000 bales of cotton direct to Japan.

Ground has been broken at Alpine for the site of the only combined waq, paper and soap factory in the world.

The bond issue for \$400,000 for good roads in the Sherman precinct, Grayson county, carried by a substantial majority.

The Tarrant county voters at an election held December 12, endorsed the issuance of \$1,600,000 road and bridge bonds.

According to the United States Department of Agriculture, the estimated cotton production for Texas, 1911-1912, is 4,280,000 bales.

Eight bales of cotton were harvested from two and three-fourths acres of land near Harlingen, Cameron county, this season.

The creamery at Flatonia turns out 15,000 pounds of butter in November. This is said to be the second largest creamery in the state.

The state experiment station has employed a former expert of the United States Agricultural Department to take charge of the state tobacco experiment farm.

Iowa capitalists have purchased 18,000 acres of land near Plainview and are dividing it into 40-acre tracts for small irrigated farms.

The business men Hico have agreed to provide a large premium list for the boys of that community who grow the best corn in 1912.

It has been demonstrated by the Bennett-Sims Mill and Elevator Company of Clarendon that milo maize produces as good flour for Graham bread and breakfast foods as is ground wheat.

When the proposed projects now in course of construction in the state are completed, approximately 150,000 acres of Texas land will be under irrigation. Most of the land has never been under plow.

The early construction of a railroad is reported from Wellington to Memphis and thence to Spur on the Wichita Valley railroad, giving direct connection with Abilene and Texas and Pacific railroad points.

The citizens of Midland have arranged to build sample stretches of highway in Andrews and Gaines counties, for the purpose of encouraging the construction of good roads in that part of the state.

The commercial club of Stamford is at the head of a movement to have an expert on hog raising to spend some time in the county, giving information and instruction with reference to a practical plan of raising hogs.

A party of 300 Nebraskan homeseekers arrived in the Brownsville country last week and will take up their residence in different parts of the lower Rio Grande valley section. Ex-Gov. Shallenberger was in the party.

To The Public:

I have purchased and taken personal charge of the Fire Insurance Agency of Thos. J. Coffey and will appreciate a continuance of the business of the present patrons and that all of new friends. This agency has an excellent line of the standard companies. The office will remain at the same old—West Texas National Bank, phone 444.

C. D. AMBROSE.

Roy Thomas has sold his interest in the Gem Barber Shop to his brother, Leslie, but will continue to work there.

WEST TEXAS NATIONAL BANK

County Depository Howard County

CAPITAL and SURPLUS \$100,000.00
RESPONSIBILITY, Over \$1,000,000.00

If you have an account with us, we thank you for it. If you have not, we would thank you for one. It is our desire to accommodate every customer needing any assistance. We guarantee to every depositor the safe return of their money. Visit this bank when you come to town. We are always glad to advise with you on any matters pertaining to your interests

OFFICERS:

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THE BIG SPRINGS ENTERPRISE

W. V. LEVIN, Editor and Publisher
BIG SPRINGS, TEXAS

MYSTERY OF GLASS.

A correspondent recently reported what he described as the "curious freak" of a blackbird flying against a parlor window many times at the same spot. Such an incident is not uncommon. Birds have been known to fight for hours at a time, day after day, with their own image reflected in a pane of glass, pecking and fluttering against the pane and quite exhausting themselves in their fury to demolish the supposed rival. It is another instance of how the arts of our civilization corrupt and confuse the birds. It is the same with fishes. Darwin tells a story of a pike in an aquarium separated by plate glass from fish which were its proper food. In trying to get at the fish the pike would often dash with such violence against the glass as to be completely stunned. It did this for more than three months before it learned caution. Then when the glass was removed the pike would not attack those particular fishes, but would devour others freshly introduced. It did not at all understand the situation, but associated the punishment it had received not with the glass, but with a particular kind of fish. Darwin's American monkeys proved themselves more "knowing." When they cut themselves once with any sharp tool they would not touch it again or else would handle it with the greatest caution. Thus they gave evidence of the simpler forms of reason of which monkeys are no doubt capable, but birds are evidently lacking in reasoning powers.

Whatever may be said of the ex-king of Portugal, he has a saving sense of humor. Incidentally dumped out of his regal position, he makes his home near London, from which vantage point he can watch the efforts of those who dethroned him. Down in his heart, of course, there must be anger combined with regret that he is no longer the official head of his country; but if we may believe the reports, ex-King Manuel is not sating his heart out on that or any other account. The most recent international gossip is that the Duke de Vizeu has fallen heir to the role of the Portuguese pretender, and is endeavoring to so interest an American woman that she will back up his efforts with her money (her daughter is his wife) must amuse the ex-king, says the Cincinnati Times-Star. Those close to him say he is most frank in declaring that he has no anxiety to gaff his throne again—just yet. Portugal, according to Rev. Dr. Gaster, who is said to know the situation, "will not be a republic long." But Dr. Gaster believes that if the throne is regained it will be for Manuel, not the Duke de Vizeu. Meanwhile the young Braganza, doing his own thinking, makes use of that excellent old saying: "Patience—and shuffle the cards."

The old question, "Do lightning rods protect?" has been referred to Thomas A. Edison, and Mr. Edison replies: "One or more metallic conductors at least one quarter inch in diameter of either iron or copper, without joints, when connected to a proper amount of metallic surface connected with a permanently damp earth, will certainly protect a house from being affected by lightning. Any metallic surface on roofs, etc., when connected with rods, will increase protection." That ought to settle that.

Not long ago a New York tea drinker was reported as saying that 60 cents' worth of tea would make twice as many cups of beverage as the same value represented in coffee. This has brought forth a calculation showing still more in favor of the economy of tea. A pound of coffee that costs the public 30 cents, it is asserted, will make only 45 cups of good coffee, while a pound of tea, costing 60 cents, will make 25 to 500 cups of tea. So tea costs from one-fourth to one-third as much as coffee.

Statistician tells us that Edmonton, Canada, has only two hours of actual darkness in summer. Bibulous persons in that vicinity cannot use the old excuse about being afraid to go home in the dark.

Rev. Mr. Milburn says that woman considers herself the white of the egg and clings to the yolk, which is man. Sometimes an egg is found with a double yolk.

A Washington pastor has given insomnia as his reason for resigning. In other words, if he couldn't sleep he wasn't going to stand up every Sunday and watch his congregation slumber.

A horse thief in Pennsylvania was sentenced to 20 years in prison, and a white slaver in New York to two years and a fine. The comparative valuations of the law in the cases cited carry their own comment.

GEN. REYES SUR- RENDERS IN MEXICO

AFTER LOSING BOTTLE AND FAIL-
TO RECEIVE HELP.

TO BE TRIED FOR SEDITION

Asks No Guarantees for Himself But
Pleads for Mercy for Men Who
Followed Him.

Lima, Neuva Leon, Mexico: Gen. Bernardo Reyes, once considered the greatest of his country's military men, surrendered to a small garrison of government soldiers here Monday and afterwards sent the following telegram to Gen. Gerónimo Trevino, commander of the Third Military Zone at Monterrey. "I called upon the army. I called upon the people, and no one responded. This attitude I regard as a protest and I am resolved not to continue this war against the Government. I place myself at your disposition."

Reyes asked for himself no guarantees, but pleaded for mercy for the little group of men who have followed him in his wanderings to and fro throughout a large area in this State and in the State of Tamaulipas. He requested consideration for them. They are yet fugitives and will be hunted down by Trevino's men unless they, too, surrender voluntarily.

To Reyes' message, Trevino replied that Gen. Reyes would be kept under guard in Linares pending instructions from the central Government.

His attempt to save his few followers was refused by Trevino, who telegraphed to Reyes that he had no authority to relax his campaign.

No one was more surprised by the surrender of Reyes than the little garrison to whom he appeared.

Sunday Luis Salinas, commander of a small band of volunteers, engaged in the case, surprised a group of not more than ten or twelve men riding along the Concho River, running east from Burgos. Only a few miles from the scene of the fight was Reyes. The conflict was too brief to warrant the commander in reporting it except as an exception that he had met the Reystas.

Like rabbits the rebels fled in all directions. Two or three horses and a quantity of ammunition fell into the hands of the Government troops, but no one was killed.

It appears the insurgent band never reunited and that Gen. Reyes, humiliated at seeing what was in effect his personal guard forced to flee at the first exchange of shot and realizing that none had rushed to his support, rode to Linares and surrendered.

Reyes was not surrounded and might have kept up a fight for many days, but without the army he had so confidently expected to recruit, the humiliating finish was almost inevitable.

Reyes will be taken to the National capital on a charge of sedition. He will be tried before a military court and is guaranteed all fairness possible.

FIGHTING TEMPORARILY CEASES.

Numerous Engagements with Increasing Robber Bands.

Pekin: Apparently the fighting has ceased, at least temporarily, in China. No reports have been received recently of activities between the imperialists and revolutionaries, but numerous engagements have occurred with robber bands, which continue to increase. Officials here expect that the armistice will be renewed after Dec. 31.

It is believed in Pekin that Tang Shao Yi, Premier Yuan's representative, has not communicated the Premier's reply to the republican leaders at Shanghai, because it is not satisfactory. Yuan Shi Kai has declared that under no circumstances will he accept a republic.

That Yuan also will refuse to accept the proffered Presidency of the Republic is considered settled. They assert that if a Republic is forced upon him Yuan Shi Kai will relinquish the Premiership, and, recognizing the difficulties of the President's position, will await the country's call to save it from disaster.

Of all human virtues the world is apt to regard success as the greatest.

The people who pose as martyrs seem to get a lot of satisfaction out of it.

TWO WOMEN ARE KILLED.

Trolley in Toronto Dashes Down Grade
Turning Over on Side.

Toronto: Two women were killed and a score of persons injured, some of them mortally, when a runaway trolley car on King street, crowded with church-going passengers, dashed down a steep grade Sunday night, ran into an open switch and crashed over on its side.

13,759,752 BALES GINNED TO DEC. 13

CENSUS REPORT SHOWS 1911 TO-
TAL TO BE RECORD BREAKER.

3,860,386 BALES IN TEXAS

Prior to Last Wednesday 924 Per
Cent of Present Crop Had
Been Ginned.

Washington: Of the enormous cotton crop grown during 1911 and estimated by the Department of Agriculture at 14,885,000 bales, there has been ginned prior to last Wednesday 12.4 per cent, or 13,759,652 bales, according to the Census Bureau's report, issued Wednesday. This exceeds by more than 3,000,000 bales the amount ginned to Dec. 13 last year and by almost the same amount the ginning of previous record years.

The Census Bureau's report of cotton ginning for the seventh period of the season, from Dec. 1 to 12, inclusive, shows the number of running bales ginned to the latter date from the great record-breaking cotton crop grown in 1911, with comparative ginning statistics to the corresponding dates of last year and the former record years of 1904 and 1908, as follows:

United States 13,759,652 bales, compared with 10,695,443 bales last year, when 92.5 per cent of the entire crop was ginned prior to Dec. 13; 11,904,269 bales in 1908, when 91 per cent was ginned, and 11,971,477 bales in 1904, when 89 per cent was ginned.

Round bales included were 98,294, compared with 106,486 bales last year, 140,024 bales in 1909 and 215,059 bales in 1908.

Sea Island cotton bales included were 99,436, compared with 75,223 bales last year, 85,177 bales in 1909 and 80,316 bales in 1908.

ESTIMATES ISSUED ON 11 CROPS.

Value of Farm Yields, Excluding Cot-
ton, Placed at \$3,769,562,000.

Washington: With decreases in the production of the eleven important farm crops, not including cotton, the total value of these crops this year reached the total of \$3,769,562,000, according to the final estimate announced Monday by the Department. A decrease of 1,567,000 bushels and an amount of \$190,000, over their value last year. The important features of the crops compared with last year were:

Corn—An increase of 1,790,000 acres, a decrease of 354,722,000 bushels and an increase of \$180,441,000.

Winter Wheat—An increase of 1,833,000 acres; a decrease of 3,486,000 bushels and a decrease of \$3,167,000.

Spring Wheat—An increase of 2,029,000 acres, a decrease of 10,297,000 bushels and a decrease of \$14,821,000.

Oats—An increase of 390,000 acres, a decrease of 259,215,000 bushels and an increase of \$8,257,000.

Rice—A decrease of 26,500 acres, a degree, made a motion for a new trial increase of \$1,650,000.

Potatoes—A decrease of 101,000 acres, a decrease of 56,296,000 bushels and an increase of \$29,212,000.

Hay—A decrease of 2,674,000 acres, a decrease of 13,534,000 tons and a decrease of \$53,199,000.

Tobacco—A decrease of 353,000 acres, a decrease of 198,306,000 pounds and a decrease of \$16,932,000.

MAY SETTLE CHINESE AFFAIR.

First Meeting of the Peace Delegates
is Held at Shanghai.

Shanghai: It is the general opinion that the first meeting of the peace delegates has shown that there is a satisfactory prospect of the settlement of the struggle that is now disrupting the Chinese Empire.

Woman Fights off Robber.

Dallas, Texas: Fighting with all her strength and screaming for help, Miss Elizabeth Fitzgerald Thursday night frustrated attempts of a negro man to snatch her purse, containing she said, \$75. Miss Fitzgerald said of the occurrence: "I was walking on Munger avenue when a negro sprang from behind a telephone pole and grabbed my purse. I struggled with the man and screamed. It seemed to me as if I fought the negro for ten minutes before he turned from me and ran away. I had \$75 in my purse."

Vandals Cut Great Picture.

Washington: Vandals got into the capitol Tuesday night and mutilated "The Battle of Lake Erie," the largest canvas of the collection of paintings which adorn the walls of the corridors and stairways. A strip two feet long and three inches wide was cut from the lower left hand corner of the painting at place the artist had shown a great deal of detail. The strip was found close by upon the floor. It can be replaced.

WANETTE, OKLA., HAS BIG FIRE.

Business Section of Town Endangered
for Time.

Shawnee, Okla.: Early Friday morning fire destroyed a part of the business section of Wanette, causing a loss of \$18,000. For a time the flames threatened to wipe out the entire business section of the town. Five frame structures and two brick buildings burned.

GIVES RELIGIOUS FREEDOM

Russian Subjects are Free to Follow
Own Ideas.

St. Petersburg: A more progressive attitude has been exhibited by the Council of Empire at its present session by the passage of the bill for religious freedom, which it had kept in the committee stage for over three years.

Though the measure issued from the Council of Empire is in a shape greatly differing from the version passed by the Duma, and with amendments limiting somewhat the operation of the principle has been satisfactorily sustained by the upper chamber.

The bill deals with the passage from one Christian confession to another, or from a non-Christian confession to a Christian one. It ignores the possibility of backsliding from Christianity, tacitly leaving in force, however, the paragraph of the manifesto giving such unwilling Christians a chance to escape from it. As the paragraphs of the Criminal Code imposing a penalty for defection from Orthodoxy were repealed in 1906, the situation leaves any Russian subject free to follow his religious ideals, though the State takes cognizance only of declarations of adherence to any one of the constituted Christian congregations.

JACK JOHNSON RETURNS.

Champion Says He Isn't "Broke" and
Talks About His Automobiles.

Chicago, Ill.: John Arthur Johnson, the colored world's champion prize fighter, arrived home from Europe Saturday, displayed the "world's thinnest watch, the world's greatest quantity of gold teeth, the world's largest squirrel fur coat," and issued a statement five minutes after his arrival. The statement said simply:

"Don't you ever think Jack Johnson's broke."

Later he amplified this by saying he started the "broke story" to justify his demand for some \$7,500 training expenses, which he says he got.

Johnson did not appear to be out of condition so far as physical appearance goes. He says he can train back to condition in a month.

"DYING OF BROKEN HEART."

Mother of Convicted McNamaras De-
clared in Serious Condition.

Cincinnati, Ohio: Mrs. Mary McNamara, the mother of John J. and James B. McNamara, the convicted dynamiters, is in a serious condition at her home here. She had planned to leave for California soon to see her boys and learn the real truth from their lips, but the thought of their confession and their conviction has so preyed upon her mind that she has been obliged to postpone her trip. She does not leave the house, denies herself to all visitors, and, in the opinion of Rev. John Hickey, her pastor, who visits her constantly, she is slowly dying of a broken heart.

"She may improve and be able to make the journey," said Father Hickey, "but the shock of their confessed guilt and the condemnation they have received has broken her spirit, and it will be a wonder if she survives it very long.

Russian Treaty to End Jan. 1, 1913.

Washington: The house of representatives Wednesday afternoon began consideration of the final act to end the treaty of 1832 with Russia. Carrying out informal instructions from the committee on foreign affairs, Chairman Sudzler moved that the House concur in the Senate resolution ratifying President Taft's notification to Russia of the proposed abrogation. By a unanimous vote the Senate on Tuesday night at 7:20 o'clock, ratified President Taft's notification to Russia of the termination of the treaty of 1832. The Lodge joint resolution, reported by the foreign relations committee, on a substitute for the Sulzer House resolution, was adopted after an all-day debate.

\$100,000 Christmas Gifts to Employees.

New York: For the second time in his career as president of the Central Trust Company, James N. Wallace will receive a Christmas present of \$50,000 from the institution and, following a custom which dates back some years, the trust company will also cut a "melon" of \$50,000 among its employees. This is supposed to represent from 75 to 100 per cent of their salaries. The Central Trust Company, along with J. P. Morgan & Co., is generally believed by Wall street to make the largest year end donations to their clerical forces.

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PACKERS' COUNSEL FINISH STATEMENTS

FIRST WITNESS WILL TAKE
STAND TUESDAY.

TO CALL 300 WITNESSES

Believed Several Months Will Be Re-
quired to Present Testimony and
Documentary Evidence.

Chicago, Ill.: Counsel for the Chicago meat packers, charged with combining to control the price of meats in violation of the criminal sections of the Sherman law, concluded their opening statements to the jury Friday and United States District District Judge George A. Carpenter adjourned court until next Tuesday morning. At that time the first witness for the Government will take the stand.

The Government will present its case in chronological order. The witnesses will tell the story of the old packers' pool, which, it is charged, was in existence prior to the organization of the National Packing Company in 1902 and which held weekly meetings at which, the Government charges, prices were fixed. Later conditions, which led to the formation of the National Packing Company, will then be detailed, and in concluding its case the Government will endeavor to prove that the National Packing Company was the instrument the packers used to continue the old pooling arrangement.

Three hundred witnesses will be called by the Government and it is believed it will take several months to present their testimony. In addition to this a mass of documentary evidence will be offered. The jury will be closely guarded during the adjournment of court, and the twelve men, all of whom are married, will be obliged to eat their Christmas dinner at a downtown hotel.

BRIGANDS CARRY OF \$850,000.

We Wish You a Happy and Prosperous New Year

We thank the people of the Big Springs Country for their very liberal patronage in the past year, and respectfully ask that you give us your account for the coming year.

IF IT'S NOT GOOD I WILL MAKE IT GOOD.

F. F. GARY

Dry Goods and Groceries—Grain and Hay
BIG SPRINGS, TEXAS

Local and Personal

Mrs. J. R. Copeland is visiting relatives in Baird.

A good resolution—trade with Reagan next year.

J. E. Adams, of Coahoma, was here Wednesday.

Start the new year right by trading at Reagan's.

The schools of our town will re-open Tuesday, Jan. 2, 1912.

Reagan will continue to please you. When in need see him.

E. C. Dewey of Duncan, Oklahoma, will read The Enterprise during 1912.

For anything in New and Second Hand Household Goods, see S. R. Morton.

Don't make any new year resolutions—just do right all the time.

J. M. Mundy and family, of Abilene, are here on a visit to relatives and friends.

T's cheaper at the new wood yard. Office phone 271. Residences phone 177. Lightfoot & Landers. 14-2

Mrs. Lela Yell of Coahoma won our grand piano contest this week and her friends say she is a winner.

Trade where your money will go farthest and your trade appreciated. Phone 414. S. R. Morton Furniture & Hardware Company.

Every family has need of a good, reliable liniment. For cuts, bruises, soreness of the muscles and rheumatic pains there is none better than Champlain's. Held by all dealers.

Some real Bargains at Morton's Store. Call and see them.

John Robisch of Borden county is in the city and says everything is all right up there.

Paul McCullough, of Sweetwater, spent several days with friends here this week.

H. C. Chapman sends The Enterprise one year to his friend, H. H. Armstrong, Alton, Ill.

Burton Brown came in from the ranch north of Odessa to spend the holidays with the home folks.

Our grand prize contest is now in full blast and if you want your favorite candidate to win, get busy.

Give me your Furniture and Stove repairing, Picture Frame work and mirror relaying. Phone 414, S. R. Morton Furniture & Hardware Company.

C. D. Ambrose has bought the insurance business of T. J. Coffie and took charge of it Tuesday. He will appreciate your patronage and will give prompt and careful attention to all business given him.

"The thing that goes the farthest Toward making life worth while, That costs the least and does the most Is just a friendly smile."

"There is no room for sadness When we see a cheerful smile. It always has the same good look; It's never out of style."

For Sale or Trade

One section of land 17 miles south of town, will sell or trade. Has 6-room house, good well and windmill, 100 acres in cultivation, all fenced. Will take some Big Springs property or Howard county land. For further particulars inquire at this office.

The attention of our readers is called to the advertisement of Riley and Wilson, of Coahoma, which appears in this paper.

Who Is The Popular Young Lady?

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SERIAL STORY

THE GIRL from HIS TOWN

By MARIE VAN VORST
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SYNOPSIS.

Dan Blair, the 22-year-old son of the fifty-million-dollar copper king of Blaine, Mont., is a guest at the English home of Lady Galorey. Dan's father had been courteous to Lord Galorey during his visit to the United States and the courtesy is now being returned to the young man. The youth has an ideal girl in his mind. He meets Lily, Duchess of Breakwater, a beautiful widow, who is attracted by his immense fortune and takes a liking to her. When Dan was a boy, a girl sang a solo at a church, and he had never forgotten her. The Galoreys, Lily and Dan attend a London theater where one Letty Lane is the star. Dan recognizes her as the girl from his town, and going behind the scenes introduces himself and she remembers him.

CHAPTER V.

At the Carlton.

There are certain natures to whom each appearance of evil, each form of delinquency is a fresh surprise. They are born simple, in the sweet sense of the word, and they go down to old age never of the world, although in a sense worldly. If Dan Blair's eyes were somewhat opened at twenty-two, he had yet the bloom on his soul. He was no fool, but his ideals stood up each on its pedestal and ready to appear one by one to him as the scenes of his life shifted and the different curtains rose. He had been trained in finance from his boyhood and he was a born financier. Money was his natural element; he could go far in it. But woman! He was one of those manly creatures—a knight—to whom each woman is a sacred thing: a dove, a crystal-clear soul, made to cherish and to protect, made to be spoiled. And in Dan were all the qualities that go to make up the unselfish, tender, foolish, and often unhappy American husband. These were some of the other things he had inherited from his father. Blair, senior, had married his first love, and where as his boy had been trained to know money and its value, how to keep it and spend it, to save it and to make it, he had been taught nothing at all about woman. He had never been taught to distrust women, never been warned against them; he had been taught nothing but his father's memory of his mother, and the result was that he worshipped the sex and wondered at the mystery.

With Gordon Galorey and the others he had ridden, shot better than they, and had played, but with Lady Galorey and the Duchess of Breakwater he was nothing but a child. As far as his hostess was concerned, on several occasions she had put to him certain states of affairs, well, touchingly. Dan had been moved by the stories of sore need among the tenants, had been impressed by the necessity of reforms and rebuildings and on each occasion had given his hostess a check. She had asked him to say nothing about it to Gordon, and he had kept his silence. Dan liked Lady Galorey extremely: she was jolly, witty and friendly. She treated him as a member of the family and made no demands on him, save the ones mentioned.

In the time that he had come to know the Duchess of Breakwater she, on her part, had filled him full of other confidences. Into his young ears she poured the story of her disappointment, her disjointed life, from her worldly girlhood to her disillusion in marriage. She was beautiful when she talked and more lovely when she wept. Dan thought himself in love with the Duchess of Breakwater. His conversations with her had brought him to this conclusion. They had motored from Gadene Park together, and he had been extremely taken with the pleasure of it, and with the fact of their real companionship. Two or three times the words had been on his lips, which were fated not to be spoken then, however, and Dan reached the Gaiety still unfettered, his duchess by his side. And then the orchestra had begun to play "Mandalay," the curtain had gone up and Letty Lane had come out on the boards. But her apparition did not strike of his chains immediately, nor did he renounce his plan to tell the duchess the very next day that he loved her.

When with sparkling eyes Lady Galorey raved about "Mandalay," Dan listened with eagerness. Everybody seemed to know all about Letty Lane, but he alone knew from what town she had come!

They went for supper at the Carlton after the theater.

"Letty," Lady Galorey said, "tells herself how the impresario heard her sing in some country church—picked her up there and there, and brought

her over here, and they say she married him."

Dan Blair could have told them how she had sung in that little church that day. Dan was eating his caviare sandwich. "Her name then was Sally Towney," he murmured. How little he had guessed that she was singing herself right out of that church and into the London Gaiety Theater! Anyway, she had made him "sit up!" It was a far cry from Montana to the London Gaiety. And so she married the greasy Jew who had discovered her!

Dan glanced over at the Duchess of Breakwater. She was looking well, exquisitely high bred, and she impressed him. She leaned slightly over to him, laughing. He had hardly dared to meet her eyes that day, fearing that she might read his secret. She had told him that in her own right she was a countess—the Countess of Stainer. Titles didn't cut any ice with him. At any rate, she would be able to "buy back the old farm"—that is the way Dan put it. She had told him of the beautiful old Stainer Court, mortgaged, and hung up with debts, as deep in ruins as the ivy was thick on the walls.

As Dan looked over at the duchess he saw the other people staring and looking about at a table near. It was spread little to their left for four people, a great bouquet of orchids in the center.

"There," Galorey said, "there's Letty Lane."

And the singer came in, followed by three men, the first of them the Prince Poniotowsky, indolent, bored, haughty, his eye-glass dangling. Miss Lane was dressed in black, a superb costume of faultless cut, and it enfolded her like a shadow; as a shadow might enfold a specter, for the dancer was as pale as the dead. She had neither painted nor rouged, she had evidently employed no coquetry to disguise her face; rather she seemed to be on the verge of a serious illness, and presented a striking contrast to the brilliant creature, who had shone before their eyes not an hour before. Her dress was a

actress' distinction, he said softly to himself: "That's all right—she makes the rest of them look like thirty cents."

CHAPTER VI.

Gatorey Seeks Advice.

Baird did not go back at once to Osdene Park. He stopped over in London for a few days to see Joshua Ruggles, and so remarked for the first time the difference between the speech of the old and the new world. Mr. Ruggles spoke broadly, with complete disregard of the frills and ornaments of the King's English. He spoke United States of the pure, broad, western brand, and it rang out, it vibrated and swelled and rolled, and as Ruggles didn't care who heard him, nothing of what he had to say was lost.

Old Mr. Blair had left behind him a comrade, and as far as advice could go the old man knew that his Dan would not be bankrupt.

"Advice," Dan Blair senior once said to his boy, "is the kind of thing we want some fellow to give us when we ain't going to do the thing we ought to do, or are a little ashamed of something we have done. It's an awful good way to get cured of asking advice just to do what the fellow tells you to at once."

During Ruggles' stay in London the young fellow looked to it that Ruggles saw the sights, and the two did the principal features of the big town, to the rich enjoyment of the Westerner. Dan took his friend every night to the play, and on the fourth evening Ruggles said: "Let's go to the circus or a vaudeville, Dan. I have learned this show by heart!" They had been every night to see "Mandalay."

"Oh, you go on where you like, Josh," the boy answered. "I'm going to see how she looks from the pit."

Ruggles was not a Blairstown man. He had come from farther west, and had never heard anything of Sarah Towney or Letty Lane. He applauded the actress vigorously at the Gaiety at first, and after the third night slept

The Great Difference.
"What is the difference between firmness and obstinacy?" asked a young lady of her fiance.

"Firmness," was his gallant reply. "Firmness is a noble characteristic of women; obstinacy is a lamentable defect in men."

Peculiar "Happy Family."

At the Chequers Inn at Belvedere, Kent, Eng., a spaniel, a wire-haired terrier, a black cat, a pigeon, a tame cockerel, and a tortoise all sleep in the same kennel.

Pastor's Faithful Service.

The Rev. Leonard Wood, who died at Singleton vicarage, Lancashire, Eng., aged ninety-two, had been absent from his parish and pulpit on only two Sundays throughout his sixty-seven years' incumbency.

What Really Occurred.

"Well, I declare," said Lot, as he realized that his wife had been turned into a pillar of salt. "That's a strange phenomenon. I always thought the old lady was largely pepper." Whereupon he dug a salt-cellar and laid her gently away before moving on.

—Harper's Weekly.

Wrong Condition of Mind.

"The man who is involved in the wrong conditions of mind, does not know. He is ignorant of good and evil of himself, of the inward causes which make his life. He is unhappy, and believes other people are entirely the cause of his unhappiness. He works blindly, and lives in darkness, seeing no central purpose in existence, and no orderly and lawful sequence in the course of things."—James Allen.

Smallest Republic.

The smallest republic in the world without contradiction is that of Favara, a little island situated about a dozen kilometers (seven and a half miles) from Sardinia. It is a little more than a mile in length and has a population of fifty-five. The sovereignty of the island was accorded in 1836 by King Charles Albert to the Bartoleoni family.

Up to 1882 Paul I reigned peacefully over his little island kingdom, but at his death the islanders proclaimed a republic. By the Constitution of the republic the president is elected for ten years and women exercise the franchise.

Humorous Kid.

"I've just had a new one sprung on me," remarked a man in a cigar store, "and by a kid, too. The other day I was expecting a telegram from Washington, where I've been negotiating a business transaction. Knowing I would be in a friend's office from two until five o'clock that afternoon, I left word in the telegraph office to have my message sent there. About 4:30 o'clock a messenger boy came in and inquired for me. 'You're expecting a wire?' he asked. I told him I was. 'Sorry,' he said, 'but we can't get a word from Washington.' I jumped out of my chair in a hurry. 'What's the matter?' I asked. The kid edged near the door and replied: 'He's dead.' And then he ran out. But he left the message."

Making Up His Mind.

Deliberateness, a quality generally ascribed to the Scots, must reach a kind of quintessence among the Shetlanders. If this story from the Christian World may be held to represent them fairly.

The Rev. James Hamilton, minister of the Church of Scotland, Rodney street, Liverpool, while on holiday in Shetland, had a narrow escape from drowning. Accompanied by a boy, Mr. Hamilton was fishing for seatrout, when he slipped on a stone, lost his balance and, being encumbered with heavy wading boots, had great difficulty in keeping his head above water.

Finally he managed to get back to the shore, although in a very exhausted state, and said to the boy:

"I noticed that you never tried to help me."

"Na," was the response, "but I was thinkin' o't!"

Money in It Anyway.

Bacon—I see by this paper that Jang Po, a Boston chestnut, has made half a million dollars selling chop suey.

Egbert—Well, I'm glad to hear somebody has discovered what's in chop suey.

He Has the Hustle.

That writer is a hustler."

"What has he done now?"

"Arranged with a magazine to write his reminiscences of the war between Italy and Turkey."

Appropriate.

Flubdub—What are you going to call your new play?

Scribbler—The Wicked Flee.

Flubdub—I suppose you'll try it on the dog?

Assurances Doubly Sure.

The following official notice posted on the wall of the municipal electric power plant of a town in the south of Germany is being widely reproduced in the press: "To touch these wires means instant death. Anyone failing to respect this warning will be prosecuted and fined."—Berlin Correspondence Chicago News.

Built Nest of Clock Springs.

In the Museum of Natural History at Soleure, Switzerland, there is a bird's nest made entirely of steel. There are a number of clock-making shops at Soleure, and in the yards of these shops there are often found lying disused or broken springs of clocks. One day a clockmaker noticed in a tree in his yard a bird's nest of peculiar appearance. Examining it, he found that a pair of wagtails had built a nest entirely of clock springs.

Play Ball With Mortar.

There is no hod-carrying in Japan. The native builders have a method of transporting mortar which makes it seem more like play than work—the onlooker. The mortar is mixed in a pile in the street. One man makes this up into balls of about six pounds' weight, which he tosses to a man who stands on a ladder midway between the roof and the ground. This man deftly catches the ball, and then tosses it up to a man who stands on the roof.

Inquiring For John.

The pricking of that soap-bubble pretension, is always an agreeable pastime. In her recent volume of reminiscences, entitled "As I Remember," Mrs. Gouverneur relates that the son of President Van Buren was generally known as Prince John, because he had once danced with Queen Victoria before her accession to the throne, and was unable to forget it.

One day Van Buren met on the street James T. Brady, who had recently returned from a visit to England. In a most patronizing manner he inquired whether Brady had seen the queen.

"Certainly," said Mr. Brady, "and under these circumstances I was walking along the street, when by chance the queen's carriage overtook me, and the moment her majesty's eye lighted on me she exclaimed:

"Hello, Jim Brady! When did you hear from John Van Buren?"

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challenge to the more gay and delicate affairs the other women in the restaurant wore. The gown came severely up to her chin. Its high collar closed around with a pearl necklace; from her ears fell pearls, long, creamy and priceless. She wore a great feathered hat, which, drooping, almost hid her small, pale face and her golden hair. She drew off her gloves as she came in and her white-jeweled hands flashed. She looked infinitely tired and extremely bored.

As soon as she took her seat at the table intended for her party, Poniotowsky poured her out a glass of champagne, which she drank off as though it were water.

"Gad," Lord Galorey said, "she is a stunner! What a figure, and what a head, and what daring to dress like that!"

"She knows how to make herself conspicuous," said the Duchess of Breakwater.

"She looks extremely ill," said Lady Galorey. "The pace she goes will do her up in a year or two."

Dan Blair had his back to her, and when they rose to leave he was the last to pass out. Letty Lane saw him, and a light broke over her pallid face. She nodded and smiled and shook her hand in a pretty little salute. If her face was pale, her lips were red, and her smile was like sunlight; and at her recognition a wave of friendly fellowship swept over the young man—a sort of loyal kinship to her which he hadn't felt for any other women there, and which he could not have explained. In warm approval of the

It Needed a Diagram.
Dealer—Yes, quite good, only can't quite see what it's all about.
Artist—Why, it's clear as mud. The farmyard at sunrise.
Dealer—Of course, of course. But say, would you have any objection to making an affidavit to go with it?

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Discovery of Crime Is Made by Man Who Notices Establishment Not Open.

Laredo, Texas: Friday night G. J. Levitan, a well-known jeweler of this city, was assassinated in his place of business and the large safe in the store robbed of diamonds and other jewelry to the amount of over \$30,000.

The murder was not discovered until shortly before noon Saturday, when a friend noticed that the store was closed and went to make an investigation. He tried to get in at the front door, but found it locked. He then went to the back door and finding it open, entered. After calling several times, he went through the store and found Levitan lying in one corner.

An examination showed that he had been murdered while standing near a large glass front door in the center of the store, where a pool of blood was found. He had evidently been standing near the showcase when he was struck in the back and front of the head with a hammer and then, as he turned, a knife was plunged into his heart. After he fell he was dragged from the spot where he was found.

The safe in the back part of the store was found open. It had been looted by the assassin and diamonds to the amount of \$30,000, with other jewelry, had been stolen. Levitan was reputed to be worth about \$30,000, which he had in a bank, while he carried in stock diamonds and jewelry to the value of from \$30,000 to \$40,000. At night he slept in the store.

Three persons were taken in custody, but no clew had been located late Saturday night. Mayor McComb has offered a personal reward of \$2,500 for the arrest and conviction of the guilty parties.

UNUSUAL PARDON IS GRANTED.

Man Who Escapes from Penitentiary 28 Years Ago Exonerated.

Austin, Texas: An Executive pardon was granted Friday in a case ending like romance. Twenty-eight years ago a young man was sent to the penitentiary from Tarrant County for seventeen years on two counts of horse theft, one sentence for twelve and the other five years. Within three months after incarceration he escaped from a railroad convict construction gang, and his whereabouts have not been known to the penitentiary officials from that day to this.

But Friday his aged father, who has reached four score, came from Tarrant County and told the Governor that his son is living in a small town in Missouri, not far from St. Joseph and is a highly respected citizen with a family. He asked for a full pardon, that it might be presented to the governor before the new year and it was granted.

It will be taken to the son by the silver-haired father and a paternal request made that the son face the world as a man who long ago repented of the follies of youth, who has proven his right to good citizenship and has been punished enough.

WOMAN BADLY BURNED.

Mrs. G. N. Chitwood Receives Burns Regarded as Fatal.

Dallas, Texas: While her three children were mingling with the happy Christmas crowds downtown Saturday afternoon, Mrs. G. N. Chitwood, 3400 Allen street, fell into an open space of blazing embers and was so terribly burned that no hope is entertained for her recovery.

Alone in the room, Mrs. Chitwood lost consciousness and fell into the flames. After a time she became conscious again and realizing her peril jumped in t'yd and attempted to smother the flames with the bed clothes. She at once became the center of a blazing mass of her clothing and quilts and blankets.

Hearing her screams, a stranger passing on a truck ran in and rescued her from the flames and called in the neighbors to take care of her. Her body was roasted and the skin was blisters and parched.

A physician who was immediately summoned and administered remedies Saturday night that there was no chance for the woman to re-

BODY HANGING FROM RAFTER

Children Were Waiting for Him to Play Santa Claus.

Dallas, Texas: While waiting for her grandfather, W. M. Blankenship, age 50, a resident of the Farmers Branch community, to act as Santa Claus at a family Christmas-tree Monday morning, an eight-year-old girl found his lifeless body swinging from a rafter in the kitchen at their home.

Blankenship was a prosperous farmer. His children and grandchildren had gathered at the home for a Christmas tree and he was to act as Santa Claus. After the child had discovered the body Mrs. Blankenship was called and with a butcher knife cut the cotton rope that held her husband's body.

No cause for the rash act can be given unless it was that because of bad health for some time and became despondent. The funeral occurred that afternoon.

BIG WAR SHIPS IN GALVESTON.

Utah and Florida are Taking a Rest for the Holidays.

Galveston, Texas: Drawing twenty-nine feet of water, the Utah and Florida, two of the largest battleships in commission in the United States Navy, crossed Galveston bar Saturday and cast anchor in Galveston Harbor.

"We took sounding all the way in from outside the bar," said Capt. William S. Benton of the Utah, ranking officer in command of the two Dreadnoughts, "and there was not a minute when we had less than six fathoms."

Both the Utah and the Florida had a good six of seven feet to the clear all the way in."

Scarcely had the two vessels come

to anchor in the roads when the pilot boat Texas steamed out from the docks bearing the committee of Galvestonians who were to extend the welcome of the city to the officers and men of the fleet. And scarcely had the committee placed their feet on board the deck of the Utah when launch after launch loaded with men, who joked and frolicked like school boys at the thought of the forty-eight hours' shore leave that was theirs, shot out from the battleships and headed for the city. The streets of Galveston were filled with nearly a thousand of the Jackies, who were rejoicing in the sights and sounds of the city after their trip from Pensacola.

WIFE KILLS HUSBAND.

In Fatal Combat Joe Sims is Shot. Was Hotel Clerk.

Waco, Texas: His face covered with blood and a bullet through his body, Joe B. Sims, clerk at the Exchange hotel, staggered into a corridor from his room at 10 o'clock Monday morning and fell dead. His wife was taken to a sanitarium with wounds in her neck from a knife. She claims that Sims cut her, when she shot him. Sims was thirty-eight years old and was formerly clerk at hotels in Hillsboro and Dallas. Jealousy of Sims by his wife is given as the cause.

It was stated at the sanitarium that Mrs. Sims' wounds are slight and she will recover. She was to have gone to her former home in Lawton, Okla., to spend Christmas.

SNOW PLOW ENGINE KILLS TWO.

Turned Over on Denver. Fireman and Engineer Dead.

Amarillo, Texas: Engineer G. T. Callahan and Fireman S. G. Williams of the Fort Worth and Denver City Railway Company, were instantly killed in a wreck which occurred at Ady Texas, thirty miles west of this city, at 3:45 o'clock Wednesday afternoon. Both men resided in Amarillo.

Callahan's engine was equipped with a snow plow and was running special just ahead of passenger train No. 2. The caboose attached to the engine remained on the track and none of the other trainmen were injured. The engine turned completely over, crushing the two men beneath it.

The main line is well ballasted, and officials of the road are as yet unable to say what caused the wreck. The train was traveling at a rate of twenty-five miles an hour. Trainmaster Groves was in the caboose at the time that engine left the track.

There is always a certain amount of coolness between the iceman and his customers.

Jewels Missed from a Tomb.

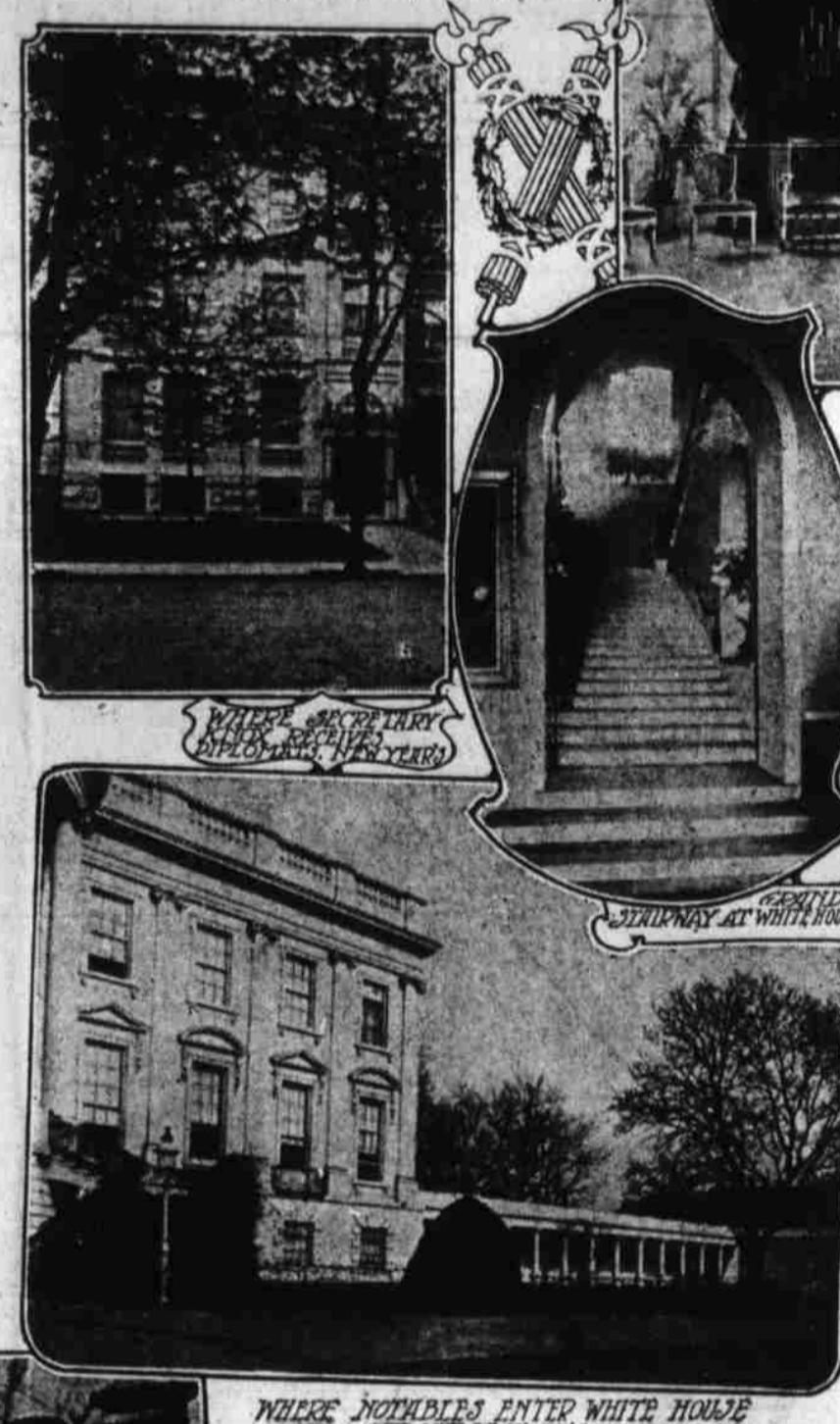
Paris: Jewels of great value laid in the tomb of the famous Parisian actress, Lucie Lantelme, with her corpse, were reported stolen from the body Friday morning, though later they were found enclosed in an envelope under the dead woman's head. An examining magistrate entered the supposedly violated tomb later in the day and made the reassuring discovery. The gems included a pearl necklace, which alone was valued at \$80,000.

The cabinet comes first, headed by Secretary

New Year's in Washington

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WHERE NOTABLES ENTER WHITE HOUSE ON NEW YEAR'S

of State Philander C. Knox. The members of the supreme court and the members of both houses of congress follow with army and navy officers in their handsome dress uniforms tread fast on their heels. Some one might ask why the army and navy do not take precedence of the civilian officials at New Year's receptions and other formal functions. To get the answer to the question it is only necessary to remember that in a republic the military power is always supposed to be subordinate to the civil power. The army ranks the navy because it was of earlier creation. The highest ranking officers of the army today are the lieutenant generals of the service, all of whom are now on the retired list, but their rank holds, nevertheless, because, although retired, they are still in the military service.

Lieutenant General Nelson A. Miles, who unquestionably is the best-known living American soldier, resides in Washington. He still takes a most active interest in government affairs. About eighteen months ago the general was thrown from his horse while riding along the Potomac drive. Miles is a splendid horseman and it is said that his mishap was the first of the kind which had happened to him in all the years of his service. It was feared that he would die from his injuries, but his splendid natural constitution, reinforced by the strength which comes from an abstemious life and from campaigning in the free air of the fields, helped him on to rapid recovery. He shows no sign today of the accident.

The first officer in the holiday line of the soldiers still on the active list of the army is Major

General Leonard Wood, now the chief of staff of the United States army.

Only fourteen years ago Wood was a surgeon of the service, ranking as a captain.

He became colonel of Rough Riders through the influence of Theodore Roosevelt, and later McKinley made him a brigadier general

of the line, from which position he rose to be a major general.

By the deaths or the retirements of ranking major generals, Wood is now at the head of the army.

There are three hundred army officers stationed in Washington.

Every one of them, unless on sick report, is compelled to be in line

at the New Year's reception.

A few days before the holiday an order is issued by the general commanding that all officers of the District of Columbia subject to duty shall pay their respects to the president of the United States on the morning of the year's first day.

If an officer fails to put in an

appearance he is likely to be called to account for disobedience, a serious offense.

The army in its commissioned ranks is represented in Washington by details to general staff, to quartermaster, to commissary, to ordnance, to engineer and to artillery work. Moreover, there are many officer students in the city who are taking "strategy" courses at the war colleges.

The highest ranking officer of the active list of either armed service in Washington today is Admiral George Dewey. He holds his active rank for life. He is long past the general retiring age which is fixed for the navy at sixty-two years, but an act creating him full admiral carried with it the delegated right to remain on the active list as long as he should choose. Dewey is still in active service, although he no longer goes to sea. There is no army officer of equal rank with Dewey. An admiral ranks with a general and there has been no full general of the service since the days of the last great trio—Grant, Sherman and Sheridan.

The official visitors to the White House on New Year's Day form in separate lines, the members of each department of government taking positions by themselves. The lines radiate from the front door of the executive mansion in a dozen different directions. The multitude of officials and sub-officials is so great that it would seem it would take hours for the president to greet each of Uncle Sam's servants separately and to call him by name, but the arrangements are perfect for expediting the line of march past what might be called the reviewing stand.

In two hours at the most the last official has been greeted and then the "laymen" are admitted to the presidential presence. Year after year thousands of Washington residents and visitors from afar take advantage of the holiday to shake the president's hand and to exchange a word of greeting. Men, women and children are in the line. Some of the men in frock coats and silk hats, some of the women in fetching morning apparel, but for the most part it is the workaday portion of the populace which files into the great east room to say the Happy New Year word. Colored people are numerous, for in Washington they form at least one-third of the population, and many of them seek the White House on the holiday. It is a picturesque crowd and one well worth watching for the charm of the human interest which it holds.

As soon as the White House reception is over the women of the cabinet retire to their own homes, where in turn they hold receptions to which everybody is welcome. The wives of nearly all the public officials also keep open house on the afternoon of New Year's Day. The White House reception is the only one given by the president during the year which is in every sense a public reception. No one is barred from admittance. The holiday reception is followed by four semi-public receptions given in the evening, and to these admission is only by card.

So it is that only once in the year is it possible for every American to call at the White House and be certain of a personal greeting from the president.



We greet you with a hearty hall,
A welcome of the best;
We bring fond hopes of friendly deeds,
And that you'll do the rest.
We usher in your coming reign
With fealty and cheer,
And heart to heart, give royal start
To you, our glad New Year.

What are you bringing unto us,
This welcome to return?
What's hidden in your secret hands,
Fate fortunate or stern?
What are the words of destiny
You'll speak for us to hear?
Oh, bring you good or bring you ill,
As on you go, New Year?

You will not speak—the secret's safe,
Your lips are firmly sealed,
And not on threshold of your reign,
Are they to be revealed.
A pliant friend appear,
And let us share some part of you,
Oh, promising New Year?

Important To All Who Are Looking FOR BARGAINS!

WE have tried to collect; but in vain. We are up against it, and we must raise some money. We owe the wholesale man and the banker. They say they must have their money, and in order to raise this cash we are going to put on a SPECIAL SALE to commence Dec. 23rd and continue until Jan. 15, 1912. This sale will be on Dry Goods, Boots, Shoes, Hats, Caps and Hardware. Now is the time to lay in your supply while you can save money. Come early and get your choice before everything is picked over. We positively will not charge anything during this sale at cut prices. If anything is charged it will be charged at the regular prices. We also have one of the largest and best stocks of FRESH GROCERIES in Coahoma that we are selling CHEAP for CASH. Be sure and come to see us; get our prices whether you buy or not.

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The Enterprise wishes everyone a happy and prosperous New Year.

Texas is made of wonderful possibilities that the master hand of industry is rapidly moulding into perfect prosperity.

The stability of a government is not reckoned by the number of discontented soldiers it maintains in its regular army, but by the industrial prosperity of its people.

The difference between a booster and a knocker is selfishness. The knocker wants the good things of life as the booster, but he is too selfish to want other people to share them.

Among other things the Texas farmer has to be thankful for is the organization of hog and corn clubs, establishment of demonstration farms and the wonderful increase in the number of acres under cultivation.

The bureau of statistics of the federal agricultural department announces that the purchasing power of an acre of cotton in 1909 was forty-four per cent more than in 1899. The bears may scamper to their dens and the bulls take to tall timber, but King Cotton will reign supreme so long as the human race wears clothing.

From Germany comes a combined lesson in highway beautification and economy. Fruit trees are planted along the roadside and the fruit when gathered, is sold at public auction and the proceeds of the sale applied to the up-keep of the roads. Along certain stretches of these roads the yield has amounted to \$595 per mile.

We consider ourselves a progressive people, but when it comes to possessing the things that make primarily for our comfort and wealth we might learn a few lessons from the ancients. One of these is road building. The Romans had the greatest system of public highways the world has ever known. With them road building was an art. If old Appius Claudius had been present at the National Good Roads Convention recently held at Richmond, no doubt he would have been accorded a liberal share of applause when he had finished his speech, as he was such an authority on highway construction that his roads are still being used after having been built more than two thousand years.

Matinee at The Lyric Saturday Afternoon.
**Start a Home Now
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of the Independents**

Never has it been easier to build than right now; and there is no enterprise more worthy than home building. It opens the purse strings of the banker quicker than anything else, because it means that you have decided to become a part of the community in which you live. Thus almost before you start you find the ownership of a home carries a significance. Start it today —you'll be glad if you do and sorry if you don't. When you're ready to talk lumber we'll be waiting for you, because we have just the lumber you will need, besides a lot of suggestions that may be helpful to you without any extra charge.

Burton--Lingo Co.

Think It Over.

The Palmer Rustler has struck the keynote of the question as to the patronage of home industries in an article which appeared in a recent issue of that paper. We endorse it heartily and recommend that every man who reads it "think it over," as the Rustler suggests. It is as follows:

"Listen how this sounds and think what it would mean if carried out: Suppose the farmers were to quit trading in Palmer; suppose the people were to stop getting their money at Palmer banks; suppose the patrons of this community were to haul their cotton to other points to have it ginned; suppose the merchants were to quit patronizing the draymen here and have a man do this work who lived somewhere else; suppose the citizens of Palmer were to send all their children to some other school; suppose everybody stopped his paper and the merchants quit advertising. How long, Oh, how long, would we all be able to stay in Palmer? What did you say? The answer is this: 'Not long.'"

NATURE'S WARNING

Big Springs People Must Recognize and Heed It.

Kidney ill comes quietly—mysteriously.

But nature always warns you. Notice the kidney secretions. See if the color is unhealthy—If there are settling and sediment, Passages frequent, scanty, painful. It's time then to use Doan's Kidney Pills.

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Doan's have done great work in this locality.

Mrs. C. Scharbauer, of Midland, Tex., says: "Doan's Kidney Pills relieved me of a severe attack of backache, which had troubled me off and on for several years. There was also a dull ache across the small of my back and the secretions from my kidneys were too frequent in passage. I tried several remedies, but was unable to find anything that would help me until I procured Doan's Kidney Pills. I take great pleasure in recommending them to any one afflicted with kidney trouble."

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Its inordinate desire for activity and its forgiving spirit makes it a target for legislation and rather than lie idle, it will submit to most any legislative handicap and plead guilty to most any charge, provided it is permitted to return to its appointed task without delay. Its generosity makes it the most popular dollar in circulation for wherever invested, it makes a free and equitable distribution of values to adjoining property. It yields a powerful influence in civilization. It has forced governments to sign treaties of peace and at its bidding nations have sprung into life or sunk into oblivion.

Its presence in a country is a sure sign of prosperity and its absence a most withering blight. Trace our development dollar to its source and we have located the money centers of Europe and America and we are drawing from them a million dollars per day and putting it into the industrial life of the State.

The domestic dollar can never develop Texas. It is already at work; at least as much of it as cares to labor. A dollar that withdraws from one investment and embarks in another has added nothing to the volume of our circulation medium or increased the amount of our property. It is the foreign dollar that adds volume and brings new property into the State. Property is the basis of prosperity and a dollar that moves into the community brings with it as much community prosperity as the dollar taken from the soil. We must look to the foreign dollar to build Texas. There is no other way.

For Sale—Two nice lots in the Cole & Strayhorn addition. Inquire at this office.

Our Platform

To be a live school and to impart to its students a zeal to do and be something.

To be progressive, to use modern methods and equipments but reject all worthless educational fads.

To let the reputation of the school be sustained by real merit.

To seek the patronage of the public to the extent we deserve it.

To fight against ignorance, and for higher education and the liberation of the human soul.

To co-operate with all the educational institutions that do honest, thorough, conscientious teaching, and to bid them God speed in their work.

To instill in the minds of students the great truth that every person is created to do something, to be something.

To teach our students the power of earnestness and to warn them against all show and pretense.

To make the school self-governing and to create a high moral sentiment among the pupils.

To lead the student to understand that abroad and liberal education is essential to the highest degree of success in any profession, and that unless he has a purpose in life and is willing to pursue it closely and courageously he will fail.

To lead the student to see that success depends mainly upon his own effort, and that he must discover the man in himself to become a being of great power and character.

To teach not only the text-book, but to touch the indifferent and discouraged, and arouse the latent forces of his being.

To do with all our might the duties at our hand and to ignore the petty criticisms of the envious.

Big Spring Business Academy

The high price of many farm products during the past few years has given ground for the popular inference that agriculture in this country was unequal to the needs of the increasing population, but an investigation conducted by the Federal Agricultural Department fails to reveal a cause for alarm. On the contrary, the report states we may expect an increase production greater than the increase in population.

"I had been troubled with constipation for two years and tried all of the best physicians in Bristol, Tenn., and they could do nothing for me," writes Thos. E. Williams, Middleboro, Ky. "Two packages of Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets cured me." For sale by all dealers.

Mrs. Russell is here on a visit to her daughter, Mrs. H. L. Batton, and will remain several months.

Farmers' Educational and Co-Operative Union of America

Matters of Especial Moment to the Progressive Agriculturist

You will be a better farmer by taking your wife's advice occasionally. You can't expect to cultivate a neighbor's friendship by harrowing his feelings.

A man who worries very little may also be called a man whose complacency has worried very many.

The sincerity of a man's religion can not be gauged by the number of buttons he puts in the collection plate.

The man who puts in a good part of the winter studying bulletins and farm papers can be told by looks of his friends next summer.

Some people are always complaining of their poverty who are rich without knowing it. Money is not the real gauge of wealth.

A farmer expects good workmanship from the blacksmith and the carpenter, but is content to slouch along without having learned his own business.

Texas cattle raisers have discovered that there is a difference of 300 per cent between the price received by them and that paid by the consumer.

Few men would admit that their wives know anything about business, but a great many will follow their advice, and then take all the credit for themselves.

A man driving to town in the mud was asked if he favored narrowing the roads. "Make them as narrow as you please," he replied, "but for heaven's sake don't make them any deeper."

Don't think that you can peg away day in and day out, and then some time come to the spot where you can have a good time. It is much safer and better to take a little at a time as you go along.

Whenever prices of farm produce advance a little the cry is set up that the farmers have formed a trust. There is no man in this country who is big enough to form a combination of 6,000,000 farmers and operate it as a single organization.

FARMERS' UNION IS DEFINED

Covenant Among Farmers for Mutual Benefit—Care Should Be Used in Selecting Delegates.

The Farmers' union is a covenant among farmers for their mutual benefit. Any harm in that? Wise men have said that when farmers are prosperous that all other legitimate occupations receive their share of the farmers' upturn; then why is it that any right-thinking man should not be willing to lend a helping hand to the Farmers' union?

If your union has a last year's bird nest appearance, better kick it off the hub, and round up a new one, and be sure that the material will not take the dry rot, and then mind the fleas and vermin of the new one. Our country unions will soon elect delegates to the state union. Round up your best men as delegates. Let your delegates be of that kind of patriotic, liberty-loving farmers who never allow their prejudices or personal interest to lead them away from their duty—men of pluck and grit that know the law and good for the Farmers' union, and have the backbone to stand for the good of the union even against friend or foe alike.—Farmers' Union Sun (Columbia, S. C.).

Farmers' Union Movement.

It seems strange that southern farmers who have always been thought by many northern farmers to be unprogressive, are the first to take up co-operative selling. The Farmers' union has among its members over 1,000 co-operative concerns, big and little, and they are getting more for their produce than ever before. This movement is spreading over the entire country slowly but surely, and farmers of the north and west ought to give it more thought than they do.

Crops in Orchards.

Professor Stewart of the Pennsylvania State college holds that "from the standpoint of the trees, the least harmful are tilled leguminous intercrops, such as peas and beans, on account of their favorable nitrogen and moisture relations." Grass is generally regarded as highly objectionable, drawing upon the water supply of the soil. Early sweet corn is probably the best form in which to plant this crop. Melons, cabbage, tomatoes and early potatoes are used by many. But we must feed both the crops and the trees.

Sprinkling Eggs in Incubator.

One of the experiment stations has found that by sprinkling eggs during the last three days of artificial incubation, one-third more eggs were hatched, and the eggs that were hatched from the third day on gave about 10 per cent better hatch. Submerging the eggs did not seem to improve the hatch as much as sprinkling. It was also found that while it is easy to develop chicks in large, well-ventilated, dark, hothouse eggs, it is very difficult to get a good hatch.

PRESIDENT WATERS TO BOYS

Head of Kansas Agricultural College Makes Interesting Talk to Students on "Opportunity."

President Waters of the Kansas Agricultural college recently used the following language in talking to the students of that institution:

"You are willing enough to assume the entire responsibility for whatever success may come to you, but you are just as ready to lay the responsibility of your blunders and failures upon someone else. Have the manhood, then, to carry both, and have sense enough to profit by both. A success improperly utilized may be your undoing; a failure used in the right way may contribute to your success more than anything else that could happen to you."

"You may have asked yourself whether you have not come upon the stage of action too late, after all the really great things have been discovered or accomplished, and you may be wondering if there is left any task large enough to justify your present pains in preparation."

"The truth is, this is the hour of opportunity, and I mean large opportunity. So long as famine stalks unhindered through the most prosperous countries on the globe, and there are bread riots in every civilized land; so long as the world lives from hand to mouth, never having more than two weeks' food ahead; when such a prosperous and powerful nation as the British empire must protect the trade routes from foreign countries over which come four out of every five loaves of bread her people eat, the question most fundamental to mankind—that of our food supply—is far from being settled, and will tax the ingenuity of the best trained scientists and economists that this or any other college can furnish.

"Thus far in this age, which we class as golden, we have been profigate of natural resources of every sort, and our progress has been dearly bought.

"The problem of maintaining this high standard of living will give employment to the best equipped engineers and chemists. When, in the face of abundant yields, the cost of living in every land has risen to the breaking point, there is room for all the help that can be afforded by those trained in the arts of science, of home making and home management.

"What may very properly give each of you and us the gravest concern is whether you will be capable of measuring up to the opportunities presented."

"If you will go out prepared to do something, and do it right, the world will meet you more than half way and will cheerfully supply the chance."

"A good many farm boys when they come to town or otherwise get away from home take a vacation from church—assuming that the essentials of life may be different in the new environment. To them President Waters says:

"It is a mistake for you to suppose that coming to college means a religious vacation. You should go to the church you attended at home. You should not shut yourself away with your books. Join a literary society. Take a reasonably active part in college life. You are not here primarily to be a football player or a college rooter. These things are incidental—important, but not to be thought of as against the things you came here to do; to fit yourself for life; to study."

Knowledge and Application.

President Van Hise of the University of Wisconsin said in a recent address: "We know enough so that if the knowledge were applied the agricultural product of the nation could easily be doubled. We know enough about scientific medicine so that if this knowledge were applied, infectious diseases would be practically eliminated within a generation. We know enough about the breeding of animals, so that if the knowledge were applied to man the feeble minded would disappear in a generation, and the insane and criminal class be reduced to a small fraction of their present numbers. Even in politics we have sufficient knowledge so that if it were applied there would be vast improvement in the government of this country."

Ignorance Versus Knowledge.

"If you will come with me over the state and note the pitiful ignorance of the first principles of correct dairy practice, as it is observed in the common, every-day life on the farm, you cannot deny the call for leadership and assistance. The child-like simplicity of faith with which the average farmer follows methods and practices of his father and forefathers is astonishing even to the most careless observer. Obsolete methods, careless indifference marks much of the labor applied to the production of milk, cream and butterfat."—Prof. John Bower, before the Nebraska Dairy Convention.

Kill Cotton Boll Weevil.

Discoverers of an Egyptian worm that will eat the cotton boll weevil have been discouraged by learning that it is cannibalistic in its tendencies and will eat its companions as readily as weevils.

Rarely Sick Fowl.

A busy fowl is rarely sick.



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NO HARD PROBLEM TO SOLVE

Bellboy's Suggestion Would Seem to Be Natural Way to Get Around Situation.

The Englishman who has been wearing a top hat and a frock coat impressed all who saw him with his distinguished appearance as he strolled about with an expansive air in one of the more expensive hotels. On Wednesday morning he came up to a clerk.

"I would like to have a shirt laundered," he said. "I must have it back by five o'clock."

The clerk told him that the time was unusually short, but he would do what he could, and the shirt was delivered on time.

He came down Thursday morning and said he wanted another shirt laundered, but that this one must be back by two o'clock in the afternoon.

The clerk said that would be too short a time. The Briton grew angry and demanded to see the proprietor. He got as far as the bellboy captain, to whom he protested that he would not stand for such treatment. The bell boy suggested the purchase of a third shirt.—New York Sun.

She Needed It.

One of the little swarthy cherubs from sunny Italy, whose great eyes and sweet mouths can be so appealing to their teachers in the great primary schools in the North end, was introduced to the public bathing plant the other day, in accordance with the hygienic regulations of the public schools. She was so delighted that she asked her teacher the next day if her grandmamma could go and enjoy a bath there. "You see, grandmamma has not had a bath," said the innocent, "since she first came to this country, and that was 11 years ago."

Another little girl objected to taking the prescribed bath just now; because, as she explained, her mother had just sewed on her under-bannels for the winter. Still another little Latin remonstrated less decidedly to the bath. She knew it was wrong to be dirty, she admitted, but "it is so warm in the winter time."—Boston Transcript.

Beware of Cheap Bills.

An examination of paper currency by Warren H. Hilditch of Yale showed an average of one hundred and forty-two thousand bills to the bill. Twenty-one bills were examined, and while some were relatively clean, carrying only a trifle of fourteen thousand living things, others swarmed to the figure of five hundred and eighty-six thousand. And, strange to say, the bacteria did not seem to swarm to the \$1,000 bills, in preference to the \$1 bills.

This shows that it is far healthier to carry \$1,000 bills about than it is to tote \$1 bills. Here is a valuable financial hint.

Small Comfort.

"You seem cross, Pilliey." "So I am. A fellow called me a born idiot today."

"That's nothing to worry about. I think it was very considerate of him to blame it on your ancestors."

Visitor (admiring painting)—Is that one of the old masters?

Rastus—No, sah; dat belongs to ole missus.

Shakespeare Footnote.

Ole Mammy Lize was dusting the southern woman's drawing room. She came to a small bronze bust of Shakespeare and began carefully going over him with her rag.

"Mis' Juliet, chile, who am dis yere gemmun?"

"That is Shakespeare, Lize, a wonderful poet who died centuries ago."

"Dat him, missey? Lor', I've done hear o' Mistah Shakespeare a lot ob times. Everbody seems to know him. 'Deed, I done hear so much 'bout him dat I allus thought he was a white gemmun."

The First Thing.

The schoolmaster said: "You are very slow, George. Now, if you don't answer the next question in ten minutes, I'll give you a taste of this cane. If you put 40 eggs into an incubator and nine-tenths of them hatched, what would you get?"

The master had only counted four when George said:

"Well, first thing, with all them chickens about, I'd get a brick and a string and drown our cat."

BURNING ITCH WAS CURED

"I deem it my duty to tell about a cure that the Cuticura Soap and Ointment have made on myself. My trouble began in splotches breaking out right in the edge of my hair on the forehead, and spread over the front part of the top of my head from ear to ear, and over my ears which caused a most fearful burning itch, or eczema.

"For three years I had this terrible breaking out on my forehead and scalp. I tried our family doctor and he failed to cure it. Then I tried the Cuticura Soap and Ointment and used them for two months with the result of a complete cure. Cuticura Soap and Ointment should have the credit due, and I have advised a lot of people to use them." (Signed) C. D. Harrington, Creek, N. C., Jan. 26, 1911.

Itching Scalp—Hair Fell Out.

"I will say that I have been suffering with an itching on my scalp for the past few years. My hair fell out in spots all over my head. My scalp started to trouble me with sores, then the sores healed up, and crusts formed on the top. Then the hair fell out and left me three bald spots the shape of a half dollar. I went to more than one doctor, but could not get any relief, so I started to use the Cuticura Soap and Ointment. I highly recommend the Cuticura Remedies to all that are suffering with scalp trouble." (Signed) Samuel Stern, 236 Floyd St., Brooklyn, N. Y., Feb. 7, 1911. Although Cuticura Soap and Ointment are sold by druggists and dealers everywhere, a sample of each, with 32-page book, will be mailed free on application to "Cuticura," Dept. 9 K, Boston.

Pantomime Code.

James T. Fields of the firm of Tichnor & Fields wore a flowing beard, as many men of his time did. He was scrupulous in the care of it, and in the main managed it at the table with skill.

His wife was always on watch for him, too, when they went out to dinner together. They had a pantomime code and a few expressive spoken signals. Should a bread crumb catch in the floss Mrs. Fields would say:

"My dear, there's a gazelle in the garden."

Money Saved Is Money Made.

Dr. Wm. Self, of Webster, N. C., an old practitioner of medicine, tells us that after many years' experience in medicine he finds it money saved to his patients to use Taylor's Golden Medical Discovery, a glycerine compound, extracted from native medicinal roots—sold for over forty years with great satisfaction to all users. For Weak Stomach, Biliousness, Liver Complaint, Pain in the Stomach after eating, Heartburn, Bad Breath, Belching of food, Chronic Diarrhea and other Intestinal Derangements, the "Discovery" is a time-proven and most efficient remedy.

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Here is a technical description of the piano: The piano is the well known Leyhe Piano Company make, the case is double-veneered inside and out; outside with fancy mahogany, inside with white maple. Semi-colonial in style with pilasters and trusses to match its appearance, full empire top with drop mouldings. Full overstrung scale, 7 1-3 octaves; laminated bridges, rock maple back, six posts, imported German tuning pins and wire, 13 pound hammers, laminated pin block, compound key bottom, standard action, splendidly regulated, ivory keys and three pedals.

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Clip out one of these nominating blanks, write the name of the young lady you wish to nominate, and send to the Contest Editor at once. You must sign your name in making the nomination, but this will not be made public. We will not give out names of those who make nominations.

Vote early and often if you want your favorite to win

Nominees

Miss Carmin Barclay
Miss Susie Merrick
Miss Nellie Tamsitt
Miss Lomax
Miss Annie Stewart
Mrs. Lela Yell, Coahoma
Contestants can enter at any time during the contest.

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A stockman of Oldham county sold a 7 months-old calf this week in Kansas City for \$41.30. The calf weighed 590 pounds.

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Special Notice

Married ladies can enter this great prize giving contest under the same conditions as the unmarried lady.

It is reported that a textile mill will be established at Post City. It is the intention to have the plant ready for the 1912 cotton crop. The mill will have 10,000 spindles and a capacity of 2,000,000 yards of finished cloth annually.

The quicker a cold is gotten rid of the less the danger from pneumonia and other serious diseases. Mr. B. W. L. Hall, of Waverly, Va., says: "I firmly believe Chamberlain's Cough Remedy to be absolutely the best preparation on the market for colds. I have recommended it to my friends and they all agree with me." For sale by all dealers.

The American Sugar Refining company has submitted a proposition to the farmers near Melrose to erect a sugar beet factory in that city.

A Sherman county farmer has raised 200 bushels of sweet potatoes on one acre of land. They were readily marketed for \$400.

The Chamber of Commerce, Real Estate Exchange and other organizations of Amarillo have acquired 20 acres of land and will construct an experimental irrigation system.

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